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\$2.5 Million in Boating Grants Awarded to Projects in Six Counties

OLYMPIA—Boating projects in six communities will receive funding totaling more than \$2.5 million, the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation announced today.

The Interagency Committee, which is responsible for evaluating and distributing the Boating Facilities Program grants, made the grant awards at its quarterly meeting Nov. 18 in Olympia.

“Boating in Washington is such an important part of our culture, recreation and economy, we want to make sure boaters have top-notch facilities,” said Laura Johnson, director of the Interagency Committee. “These grants will help cities and ports tailor projects to fit the needs of boaters in their communities.”

Projects in the following counties were awarded funding: (Click county name for details.)

County	Grant Recipient	Grant Amount
▪ Benton	City of Prosser	\$15,000
▪ Clark	Port of Camas-Washougal	\$200,000
▪ Jefferson	Port of Port Townsend	\$96,744
▪ Pacific	City of South Bend	\$421,611
▪ Pierce	City of Tacoma	\$1 million
▪ Snohomish	Port of Everett	\$772,127
Total		\$2,505,482

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This year, the Interagency Committee received 15 applications, requesting more than \$5 million in funding. The grant applications were reviewed and ranked in September by a 10-member evaluation team comprised of representatives of county park departments, state natural resource agencies, ports and recreational boaters.

Created in 1964 by voter Initiative 215, the Boating Facilities Program offers grants to state and local governments to plan for, buy, develop or renovate boating facilities, including launch ramps, short-term moorage and other support facilities, for motorboats. The program is funded by a portion of the gasoline taxes paid by boaters and not refunded as allowed by law.

A summary of the grant program is available at the Interagency Committee Web site at:
<http://www.iac.wa.gov/iac/grants/bfp.htm>.

The Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation was established in 1964 to finance recreation and conservation projects throughout the state.

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